

## THE INQUISITION.

AN INSTITUTION THAT EXISTED IN SPAIN FOR GENERATIONS.

Its Victims Are Numbered by Hundreds of Thousands—First Directed Against Jews, Afterward Heretic Christians Were Tortured and Killed.

Perhaps those who have accused Christopher Columbus of narrow, sectarian bigotry and of cruelty have not sufficiently taken into account the spirit of the age in which he lived. The intolerance, the bigotry and the merciless cruelty of that time are sufficiently illustrated in that most monstrous of institutions, the Spanish inquisition.

What is called the modern inquisition was established in Spain under the reign of Ferdinand and Isabella—sovereigns who possessed many of the elements of greatness, and who certainly brought Spain to a high position among the nations of the world. Yet it was under the reign of these two sovereigns that the monstrous inquisition was established.

This inquisition consisted of a commission consisting of several judges, whose duty it was to hunt out heretics and punish them. The primary object of the inquisition was to extirpate every trace of heterodoxy, and make a land where none but the orthodox could live. It succeeded in its attempt, but the history of its proceedings furnishes one of the most bloody narratives to which the race has ever listened.

The attention of the inquisition was first directed against the Jews. This thrifty race of people then, as now, were conspicuous for their financial importance. In the course of time many Christians became their debtors, and it is probable that the desire to escape these just debts frequently occasioned the seizure of these unfortunate Jews for heresy. The Christian not only did not feel it incumbent upon himself to pay his debts to heretics, but even all their property was confiscated.

These heretics could be accused anonymously, and it was not considered necessary to bring the accused and the accuser face to face. The accused heretic was seized without warning, conveyed to the chambers of the inquisition and rigidly kept from all intercourse with the outside world. No relative or friend to console with him or to advise him was permitted to come into his presence. He was kept in ignorance of the charge upon which he was incarcerated. Counsel was allowed him, but this was a mere formality, for this counsel was not allowed to confer with him.

If the prisoner refused to confess his guilt, or was caught in evasions or contradictions, he was conveyed to the torture chamber, where he was submitted to the intensest agony which it is possible for human nerves to sustain. Doubtless many innocent men declaimed themselves guilty under this exquisite torture in order to escape the terrible agony. Indeed death was preferable to the torment.

The evidence upon which the heretics were convicted seems to us entirely insufficient. "The presumptive proofs," says Prescott, "by which the charge of Judaism was established against the accused are so curious that a few of them may deserve notice. It was considered a good evidence of the fact if the prisoner wore better clothes or cleaner linen on the Jewish Sabbath than on other days of the week; if he had no fire in his house the preceding evening; if he sat at a table with Jews; or ate the meat of animals slaughtered by their hands, or drank a certain beverage held in much estimation by them; if he washed a corpse in warm water, or when dying turned his face to the wall; or, finally, if he gave Hebrew names to his children—a provision most whimsically cruel, since, by a law of Henry II, he was prohibited under severe penalties from giving them Christian names. He must have found it difficult to extricate himself from the horns of this dilemma."

If the accused was found guilty, as he usually was, he was led forth in great ceremonial state, accompanied by a procession of high ecclesiastics, submitted to revolting insults and ignominiously burned at the stake.

While Torquemada was inquisitor general, a period of eighteen years, over 10,000 heretics were burned at the stake, nearly 7,000 burned in effigy and almost 100,000 subjected to heavy and ignominious penalties. This makes an average of over 6,000 persons annually.

The inquisition was at first directed against Jews, but afterward against heretic Christians themselves. It continued its awful work through many generations, and its unfortunate victims were numbered by the hundred thousands.

The present degradation and degeneracy of Spain is due to this cause more than any other. Wherever fitters are put upon the human mind the race decays, shrivels and degenerates. Whichever freedom of thought is prohibited a race of intellectual pygmies must necessarily result. Humanity progresses through the influence of original minds, which do not think along the accepted lines of thought. This order of men it is which leads the world up to ever higher and higher conceptions, to higher and higher planes of living. It was this kind of men that the Spanish inquisition could find no better use for than burning at the stake.

So all the noblest thinkers of Spain were burned, all her original thinkers were either killed or suppressed and only commonplace minds, which accepted existing standards without investigation and without thought, were spared. It is no wonder that Spain dropped into an intellectual lethargy from which she has never revived. The inquisition was one of the most colossal mistakes in all history.—S. Watterson, Fwd in Yankees Blade.



You can save money with Dr. Pierce's medicines, if you get the genuine. Suppose they're not the lowest in price—what does that matter? The point that is important is this: they're the cheapest medicines you can buy at any price, for, with them, you pay only for the good you get. If they ever fail to benefit or cure, you have your money back. Can you ask more?

But there's only one way to get these genuine medicines—*to get them*. To guard against fraud and imposition, they're sold only through druggists regularly authorized as agents, and *always* at these long-established prices:

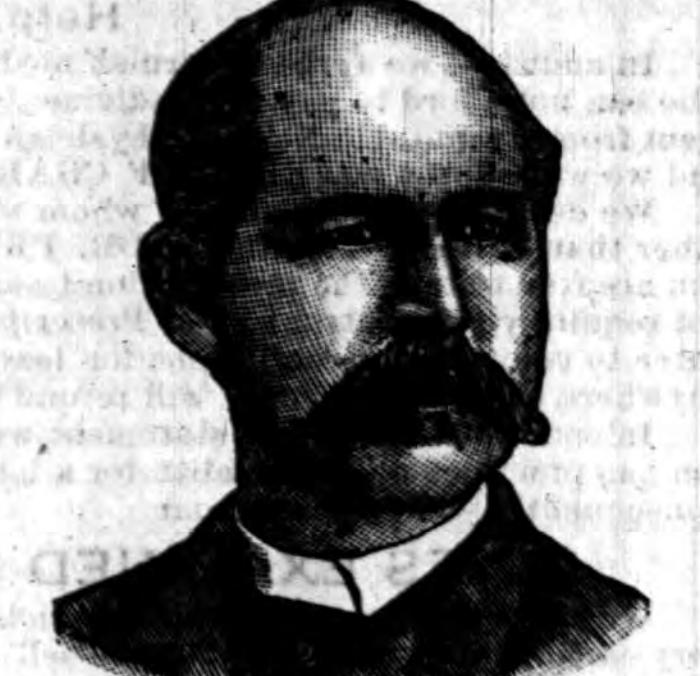
Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery (for the liver, blood and lungs) \$1.00.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription (for woman's weakness and ailments) \$1.00.

Dr. Pierce's Plant Pellets (for the liver, stomach and bowels). .25 cents.

Beware of fraudulent imitations and dilutions offered at lower prices than the above.

IT IS A DUTY you owe yourself and family to get the best values for your money. Enclosed in your envelope, by purchasing this advertisement, which represent the best value for prices named, is a handsome *TAKE NO SUBSTITUTE*.



**W. L. DOUGLAS**  
**S3 SHOE GENTLEMEN,**

**THE BEST SHOE IN THE WORLD FOR THE MONEY.**

A genuine well-made shoe, that will fit fine, comfortable, stylish and durable than any other shoe ever sold at the price. Equals custom made shoes costing from \$5 to \$12.

**\$3.50 Police Shoe,** worn by farmers and all those who go about in salt, hard soled, extension edge shoe, easy to walk in, and will keep the feet dry and warm.

**\$2.50 Workmen's Shoes** will give more wear for the money than any other make. They are made for service, strong and lasting sales show that workingmen have found this out.

W. L. DOUGLAS, Brockton, Mass. Sold by

P. SHOENTHAL,

AGENT,  
312 GLENWOOD AVE.

The Finest Coffee in the World.

CAFE ROYAL.

My many friends who have procured Cafe Royal of me in New York will be pleased to know that it is now for sale by Mr. Chas. W. Martin, who is sole agent for Bloomfield.

To those who have never used it I can only say it comes handsomely packed in two pound cans, which always insures a uniform coffee, and I suggest a trial order.

ROBERT G. THOMAS.

**A. DAY,**  
Bloomfield Centre,

Baker and Confectioner.

Ice Cream and Ices,  
ALL FLAVORS.

Bricks a Specialty all the year round.

JOHN G. KEYLER & SON,  
General Furnishing

Undertakers  
and Embalmers,  
556 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield, N. J.

Everything Pertaining to the Business

TELEPHONE CALL NO. 35.

**GEORGE W. WAY,**  
Harness Maker,  
No. 21 Broad Street.  
Hand-Made Harness my Specialty

Repairing done with neatness and dispatch.

Mrs. S. Brown,  
Dressmaking,  
No. 77 LINDEN AVENUE

Fwd in Yankees Blade.

# Are You a Mascot?

A NUMBER OF ENTERTAINING  
Prize Word-Riddles.

A Legitimate Advertising Scheme by a Well-Known  
House to Introduce Their Standard Remedies.

NEVER BEFORE OFFERED BY A RELIABLE FIRM.

1st | G - - d - t - - e | One of England's public men.

2nd | P - n - | A familiar article of furniture.

3rd | M - s - u - t - | 5th | C - i - a - n | Something put at the window partly to exclude the light.

Explanation.—Each dash appearing in the partially spelled words given above, indicates the absence of some letter. When the proper letters are supplied, the word which we have selected will be found complete. For example: H-e-e-. Something that every family should possess. In this case the omitted letters are O and S. When properly supplied the completed word is House.

First Prizes for ALL Correct Answers.

For the first correct answer to all of the entire five words, one cash prize valued at \$600. For the second correct answer to all of the entire five words, one cash prize valued at \$300. For the third correct answer to all of the entire five words, one cash prize valued at \$200. For the fourth correct answer to all of the entire five words, one cash prize valued at \$100. For the fifth correct answer to all of the entire five words, one cash prize valued at \$40. For the sixth correct answer to all of the entire five words, one cash prize valued at \$30. For the seventh correct answer to all of the entire five words, one cash prize valued at \$20. For the eighth correct answer to all of the entire five words, one cash prize valued at \$20.

Last Prizes for ALL Correct Answers.

For the last correct answer to all of the entire five words, one cash prize valued at \$500. For the first correct answer to all of the entire five words, one cash prize valued at \$300. For the second correct answer to all of the entire five words, one cash prize valued at \$200. For the third correct answer to all of the entire five words, one cash prize valued at \$100. For the fourth correct answer to all of the entire five words, one cash prize valued at \$40. For the fifth correct answer to all of the entire five words, one cash prize valued at \$30. For the sixth correct answer to all of the entire five words, one cash prize valued at \$20. For the seventh correct answer to all of the entire five words, one cash prize valued at \$10. For the eighth correct answer to all of the entire five words, one cash prize valued at \$10.

EXPLANATION.—To EVERY PERSON sending correct answers to ALL of the ENTIRE FIVE WORDS will be given a prize or premium valued at \$10.

First Prizes for PARTIALLY Correct Answers.

For the first correct answer to any four of the words, one cash prize valued at \$100.00. For the second correct answer to any three of the words, one cash prize valued at \$50.00. For the third correct answer to any two of the words, one cash prize valued at \$25.00. For the fourth correct answer to any one of the words, one cash prize valued at \$10.00. For the fifth correct answer to any one of the words, one cash prize valued at \$5.00. For the sixth correct answer to any one of the words, one cash prize valued at \$2.50. For the seventh correct answer to any one of the words, one cash prize valued at \$1.00. For the eighth correct answer to any one of the words, one cash prize valued at \$0.50.

Last Prizes for PARTIALLY Correct Answers.

For the last correct answer to any four of the words, one cash prize valued at \$100.00. For the second correct answer to any three of the words, one cash prize valued at \$50.00. For the third correct answer to any two of the words, one cash prize valued at \$25.00. For the fourth correct answer to any one of the words, one cash prize valued at \$10.00. For the fifth correct answer to any one of the words, one cash prize valued at \$5.00. For the sixth correct answer to any one of the words, one cash prize valued at \$2.50. For the seventh correct answer to any one of the words, one cash prize valued at \$1.00. For the eighth correct answer to any one of the words, one cash prize valued at \$0.50.

REMEMBER THAT PRIZES ARE PAID IN CASH, AND ALL PREMIUMS ARE FORWARDED PROMPTLY TO THE ADDRESSES OF THE WINNERS WITHOUT PREDICTION OR PARTIALITY.

There is no charge or deduction made in the payment of prizes. The names of prize winners will be published for the satisfaction of contestants. Extra premiums will be given to those who are willing to assist in introducing new medicines. This company is perfectly reliable and innumerable will be caused to write in with their names.

CONDITIONS.—Our object is to extend the sale of "Ford's Prize Remedies." Every competitor sending answer to one of the above "Prize Word-Riddles" must enclose thirty cents in U. S. two-cent stamps for one of the following remedies: "Ford's Prize Pill," "Ford's Prize Gout Pill," "Ford's Gout Remedy," "Ford's Prize Cold Pill," "Ford's Prize Grippe Pill," and "Ford's Grippe Pill." If you desire an answer to any of the above "Prize Word-Riddles" you must enclose ONE DOLLAR for one of "Ford's Four Prize Remedies." "Ford's Prize Remedies" are having an immense sale in Canada and the United States on their merits, and where once introduced are to remain with us for success. They have already made a fortune for their proprietors, otherwise this company could not afford to expend so large an amount in these prize contests simply to attract attention to them.

Every competition is positively carried out in good faith, and prizes are paid as promised. In Toronto, Canada, where the proprietors of the "Ford Pill Co." are well and favorably known, the other day a gentleman came to see the manager. "If you are in doubt, send me a wire to the financial standing of the "Ford Pill Co." Don't care a cent for their numbers. If you are wise you will send your answer in day, as this announcement appears simultaneously throughout Canada and the United States, and postmark at office where the letter is mailed will be taken into consideration rather than time received. Make remittances by registered letter, giving full address, or by cashier's check. Fractional part of a dollar may be enclosed in U. S. two-cent stamp. Address THE FORD PILL CO., "44" Toronto, Canada.

SPECIAL!

PEACHES

Direct From the Growers

AT—

R. E. HECKEL & SONS.

TELEPHONE NO. 20.

CHARLES W. MARTIN,

Wholesale and Retail

GROCER,

Bloomfield Centre.

SPECIALTIES:

Choice Teas and Coffees,  
Creamery and Dairy

BUTTER.

GEO. PETERSON,

House and Sign Painter.

Hard-Wood Finishing a Specialty.

Kalsomining,

Paper-Hanging,

Graining.

P. O. Box 178, Bloomfield.

Residence on Peloubet St.

DODD'S

Livery Stables,

Glenwood Ave., opp. Depot.

Furniture Moved and Stored.

Carriages may be obtained at any hour of the day or night.

John Rassbach & Son,

Florsts and Nurserymen

Cor. Midland and Maolis Aves.

William B. Corby

DEALER IN

Lehigh & Avondale Coal,

Cord Wood and Kindling Wood,

267 GLENWOOD AVE.,

Opposite (East) D. L. & W. Depot.

P. O. BOX 175.

Orders Promptly Attended to.

JOSEPH A. PELOUBET,

AUCTIONEER,

Real Estate

AND

INSURANCE.

Will attend to selling at auction all kinds of Real and Personal Property.

MARTIN HUMMEL,

DEALER IN THE BEST QUALITIES OF

LEHIGH AND WYOMING COAL,

ALSO

Well Seasoned Wood,

SAWED OR SPLIT.